Policy on LPG and kerosene after dismantling APM

†128. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will abolish Administrative Pricing System of petrol and diesel from 1st of April;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the manner in which the prices of petrol and diesel will be decided thereafter; and

(d) the policy regarding Kerosene and domestic LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Government resolution of 21st November 1997 envisages dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector effective 1st April 2002.

(c) and (d) The details are being finalized.

Targeted crude oil production

†129. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of crude oil is not being done as per set target for the past years in the country;

(b) if so, the target and actual production in the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the quantity of target set for production of crude oil during the first nine months of the current year and actual production done during the same period?

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